

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4530  
AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA  
AMEMBASSY PANAMA

S E C R E T STOCKHOLM 3253

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, PINS, SHUM, ASEC, SW, ES  
SUBJECT: BJORK KIDNAPPING, FURTHER NEWS FROM MFA

REF: STOCKHOLM 3252

1. SHORTLY AFTER TRANSMISSION REFTEL, MFA ACTION OFFICER TOLD US THAT AMBASSADOR HELLERYD HAD TELEPHONED CONVERNING CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN HIM AND SALVADOR MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS LAST NIGHT. SALVADORAN OFFICIALS HAD BEEN APOLOGETIC OVER GOES DECISION NOT TO AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION OF MANIFESTO BUT OTHERWISE INDICATED COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD SWEDES (APPARENTLY MEANING NO INTENTION TO INTERVENE WITH FORCE). DEFENSE MINISTER HAD EXPLAINED THAT DECISION NOT TO APPROVE PUBLICATION IN SALVADOR WAS BASED ON EARLIER CASE WITH JAPANESE WHERE CONCESSIONS WERE MADE WHEN VICTIM WAS ALREADY DEAD. HELLERYD SAID ONE HAD TO RESPECT GOES RATIONALE, A VIEW ECHOED BY MFA.

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2. SOURCE SAID SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO GOGOTA HAD BEEN DISPATCHED TO PANAMA AND WAS OBTAINING COOPERATION FROM PANAMANIAN AUTHORITIES. US INTERVENTION AS PROPOSED BY L.M. ERICSSON COMPANY TO AMBASSADOR WOULD ACCORDINGLY NOT BE NEEDED. SOURCE SAID MFA SEC GEN LEIFLAND ASKED THAT HIS

APPRECIATION BOTH FOR US HELP AND READINESS TO  
HELP BE PASSED ON.

3. MFA OFFICER NOTED IN CLOSING THAT TODAY WOULD  
BE THE CRITICAL PERIOD IN DETERMINATION OF  
BJORK'S FATE.  
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